of the environment around centrally protected monuments can be promoted directly by these agencies under terms and conditions laid down by the Archaeological Survey of India and subject to its overall control and supervision.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Funds allocated and utilised to boost tourism in H.P.

†143. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the projects granted approval in order to boost the tourism in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the quantum of amount allotted for the purpose and utilised out of the same; and

(c) the progress achieved in the projects to complete them?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Forty six projects for infrastructure development, information technology and fairs and festivals were sanctioned during the last three years to boost tourism in Himachal Pradesh.

(b) Rs. 1404.58 lakhs have been sanctioned for these projects and Rs. 794.84 lakhs have been released so far.

(c) 11 projects have been completed and 3 projects have been dropped. Utilization Certificates are awaited for the remaining projects.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.